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REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the careful and thorough examination of the present application, and for indicating that Claims 1-4 recite allowable subject matter. The Examiner rejected independent Claims 1 and 4 over 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2, contending that the recitations of "checking the status" and "said status" lacked proper antecedent basis.

Applicants have amended independent Claims 1 and 4 to overcome this informality rejection. Applicants have also amended dependent Claim 2 to address an informality. None of these amendments narrow the claim scope for reasons related to patentability. In view of the amendments presented herein, it is submitted that all of the claims are patentable.

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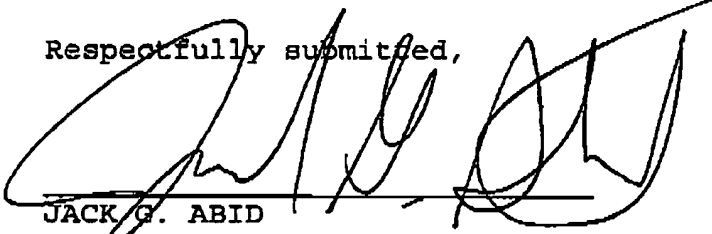
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CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments to the claims and the arguments provided herein, it is submitted that all the claims are patentable. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is requested in due course. Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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